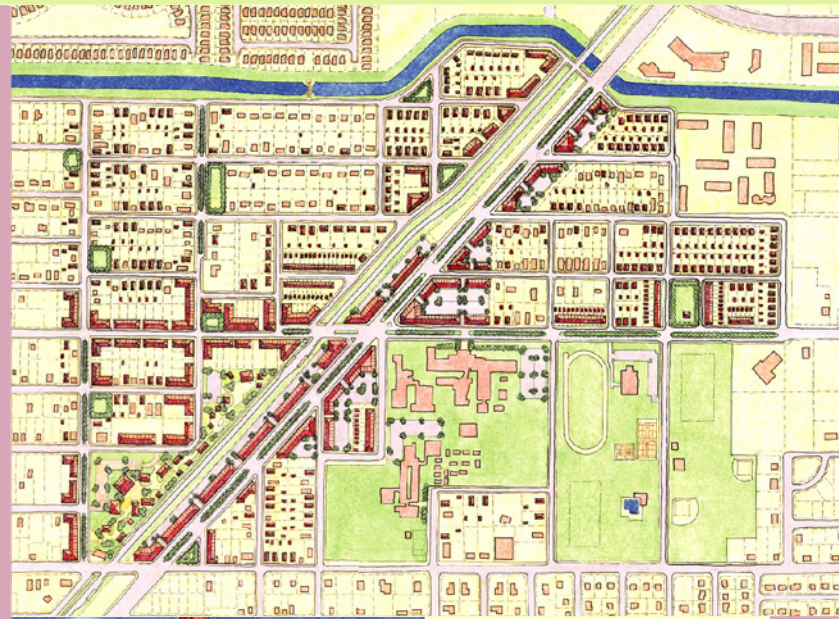


Urban centers are places where people can live, work and shop within a convenient walking distance while having access to other areas of Miami-Dade County by way of the rapid transit system. These centers or hubs are located around and provide a direct connection to the designated transit stops along the South Dade Busway and U.S. 1 Corridor. Goulds, as one of these centers, should have its own identity, mix of residential and business, architectural character and sense of place. This plan is based on the desire of citizens and representatives of Goulds that expressed a strong, compelling vision of a safe, stable visually appealing and upward mobile Goulds, primarily residential in nature with some small business and office uses including some neighborhood services. The vision reflects an appreciation of and direct connection to the area's history and heritage as an agricultural center and residential enclave. It also reflects deep concerns for the quality of life and the levels of opportunity facing the community's future generations of residents. A series of presentations by County Staff were held and during that time further citizen and professional input was taken into account. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) passed a resolution (# R-1321-03) on December 4th 2003, thereby accepting the Goulds Charrette Area Plan Report and its recommendations.

Citizens' Requests:

- Create entrance features to the area
- Introduce parks and greens
- Construct bikeways and sidewalks
- Introduce traffic calming devices
- Conserve existing historic character
- Enhance the existing landscape and tree canopy
- Implement sewer and transit service
- Improve signage and have better pedestrian access
- Place parking behind shops and buildings
- Better street connections to and from neighborhoods
- Propose mixed-use Main street
- Promote new, existing businesses on South Dixie Highway / U.S. 1



Above: View of the Goulds Charrette Area Plan.
Left: View to the east along SW 216th Street.



Above: View to the west on SW 216th Street.

Right: View of 216th Street as Goulds' Main Street, lined with a mix of buildings, from residential, to commercial and mixed-use to create a pedestrian-friendly urban center.

